(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any scheme to the Union Government for providing financial assistance to the carftsmen for protecting the traditional handicrafts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date on which such a scheme has been sent by the Government of Uttar Pradesh;

(d) the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for starting a 'training centre for zari production in Varanasi.

(c) 12th November, 1991.

(d) The U.P. Export Corporation has been moved to formulate of a comprehensive scheme of training in zari production in Varanasi for implementation with financial assistance from the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts).

Anti-Dumping Proceedings Against Textile Exporters by EEC

3644. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Economic Community has accused India of dumping textiles and has decided to initiate anti-dumping proceedings against Indian exporters of Polyester yarn;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effect it is likely to have on the textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). Anti-dumping proceedings are directed at the exporting companies suspected for dumping their goods. The Commission of the European Communities initiated anti-dumping proceedings in March, 1990 against imports into the EEC of certain polyster yarn originating in the Peoples Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, India and Turkey. On 27 September, 1991 the European Communities imposed provisional antidumping duties on import of certain polyster yarn originating in Taiwan, Indonesia, India, the Republic of China and Turkey. In the case of India, the provisional anti-dumping duty has been assessed for each one of the 21 Indian exporting companies, which varies from 12 percent to 11.8 percent.

The reasons given by the EC for the imposition of anti-dumping duties are (i) the dumped imports from the concerned companies have caused material injury to the EC industry; and (ii) that the concerned companies were engaged in price cutting.

The anti-dumping duties are provisional and not final.

[*Translation*]

Bridge on River at Kachala Ghat in U.P.

3645. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh to construct a